



**The Minutes of Cookhill Parish Council Meeting  
Held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
SE Davis Meeting Room, Sandhills Farm, Edgioake Lane**

**Present:** Cllr R Pinfield (Chairman), Cllr A Sumner & Cllr M Churchill  
**In attendance:** Kate Brazier – Clerk  
District Cllr Ben Hurdman

The Chairman asked the members of the public if there were any items that they were concerned with on the agenda and if they wished to comment before the meeting officially opened. He asked if anyone wished to record the meeting and to make it known to the clerk if they were intending to do so. He commented that the Parish Council will be recording the meeting. This will be kept for a period of up to 3 months.

**23.118. Apologies received and accepted from:** Cllr T Bennett & Cllr V Gupta

**23.119. Declarations of interest**

- a) Register of Interests. Councillors were reminded of the need to update their Register of Interests.
- b) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
- c) Other Disclosable Interests – Cllr Sumner disclosed an interest in 22.119 i) e) and will not comment or vote.
- d) Written requests for the Council to grant dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)

**23.120. Minutes:** The Minutes from the last meeting of the Parish Council, held on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023**, were approved as a correct record by the Council, and signed by the Chairman.  
Proposed by Cllr Churchill & seconded by Cllr Sumner

**23.121. Police and Neighbourhood Watch Reports**

- **Police Report** – None received for this month
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – No update, Cllr Bennett continues to email through relevant updates.
- **Community Speed Watch** – No update

**23.122. Planning Matters:-** members of the public were invited to speak on the applications notified to the Parish Council.

**i) The following applications were considered for comment;**

**a) W/23/02395/FUL High Venture, 47 Lower Cladswell Lane, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5JY**

**Proposed:** Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 3 new dwellings with associated works

**Decision:** The Parish Council recommended that the application be refused.

**b) W/23/02287/HP Tamarisk, 43 Oak Tree Lane, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5LH**

**Proposed:** Single Storey rear/side extension, loft conversion with 2No. side facing dormer roofs and an extended ridge line.

**Decision:** The Parish Council recommended that the application be refused.

**c) W/23/02334/HP 34 Lower Cladswell Lane, Cookhill, Alcester, B49 5JY**

**Proposed -** Proposal of a wall (under 2 metres of height) to be built on boundary with electric sliding gates to be installed.

**Decision:** The Parish Council recommended that the application be refused.

**23.123. Biodiversity Objective for Cookhill –** According to Section 40 of the 2006 Act, in force 1 January 2023, a duty is placed on all local authorities, including parish councils to, from time to time, consider what action the authority can properly take to further the general biodiversity objective. The general biodiversity objective is the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity in England so all parish councils must take biodiversity into account in all their decisions and actions.

The Parish Council noted that although Section 40A of the 2006 Act *does not* place a duty on parish councils to produce biodiversity reports, they currently comply with the recommended requirements and endeavour to act accordingly. This will be reviewed at the April 2024 meeting.

*Cllr Hurdman left the meeting as the budget for 2024/25 was to be reviewed and approved.*

**23.124. Finance**

- a) The monthly statement and bank reconciliation for November 2023 showing the available funds, the income and expenditure comparison to the budget was approved.  
Bank Transfers / Direct Debits were presented, approved and authorised for payment.
- b) **Budget & Precept 2024/2025** – The 2023/24 budget figures were reviewed and the 2024/25 precept was proposed and agreed unanimously. The official Budget & Precept will be approved at the January 2024 meeting.

**23.125. To receive information and items for next agenda**

Councillors are requested to use this as an opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the Agenda and to raise items for future agendas. Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not a time for debate or decision-making.

**23.126. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council meetings**

- a. **Parish Council Meeting** – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

This meeting closed at 21:15

Signed Chairman

Dated